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CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS FEBRUARY, 1991 Highlights

Employment/Unemployment: Alberta's unadjusted unemployment rate declined from 8.7% in January to 8.2% in February, the lowest rate in Canada. Over the same two month period, the level of unemployment declined by 7,000 persons while the number of employed increased by 11,000. By industry, unemployment rates fell in the agriculture, logging and forestry, manufacturing, construction, health and social services, and accommodation food and beverage categories in February over January.

Housing: Despite increases in building permits issued in the industrial, commercial, and institutional/government categories, declines in residential permits led to a 3.5% decrease in the total value of permits issued in December 1990 over 1989. Urban dwelling starts decreased in each of the single-detached, two family, row, and apartment categories in January 1991 over January 1990.

<u>International Travelers</u>: The total number of non-residents entering Alberta declined by 2.8% in January 1991 compared to January 1990 despite gains registered in entries from Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, and the Netherlands. (Note: U.S. Figures exclude same-day entries. See data table for additional note).

<u>Domestic Trade</u>: Restaurant, Caterers and Tavern Receipts increased by 5.7% in November 1990 over 1989 and by 7.9% on a year-to-date basis. The total value of retail trade increased by 1.6% in December 1990 compared to December 1989 bringing the annual rate of increase to 2.4%, the third highest rate of growth in Canada.

Manufacturing: The value of manufacturing shipments increased by 9.7% in January 1991 compared to January 1990 with gains registered in 8 of 14 categories listed in this report. Growth was third highest in the country behind Saskatchewan and the Atlantic Provinces.

Energy: Production of both crude oil and equivalents and natural gas decreased in November 1990 over November 1989, by 0.6% and 0.3%, respectively. Drilling activity increased in February 1991, with the number of rigs drilling up 9% over levels recorded in February 1990.

Agriculture: Total farm cash receipts from operations declined by 20.6% in the final quarter of last year compared with the same three month period in 1989; marginal gains in livestock receipts could not offset losses posted in receipts generated from crops. Although performance was relatively weak across Canada, only Saskatchewan experienced a greater drop over the year as a whole.

Exports: With across the board gains in all major categories, the total value of Alberta's exports increased by 37.6% in December 1990 over December 1989 giving an annual rate of growth of 15.8%, the highest in Canada.

 Bankruptcies/Incorporations:
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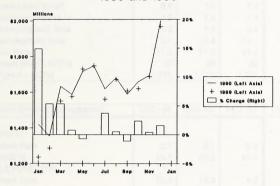
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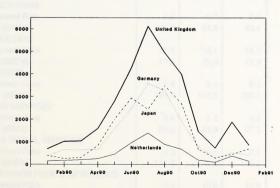
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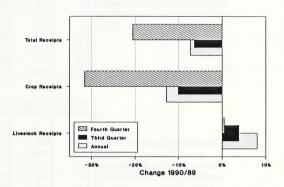
RETAIL TRADE, ALBERTA 1989 and 1990



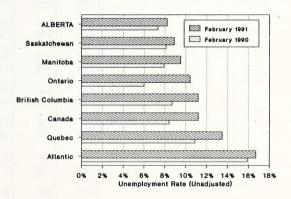
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS ENTERING ALBERTA Selected Countries, January 1990 to 1991



FARM CASH RECEIPTS, ALBERTA Percent Changes, Selected Periods



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, PROVINCES



CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

February 1991

UNEMPLOYMENT (unadjusted)	DEC-89	JAN-90	FEB-90	DEC-90	JAN-91	FEB-91
Alberta						
a) Unemployment Rate (total)	6.6	7.5	7.3	7.6	8.7	8.2
b) Male Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.9	7.6	8.0	9.5	8.9
c) Female Unemployment Rate	6.2	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.9	7.3
d) Youth Unemployment Rate	9.7	12.4	12.1	11.0	12.1	13.5
e) Participation Rate	71.5	71.3	71.5	71.4	71.4	71.5
f) Unemployment (total - 000's)	86	98	95	100	116	109
g) Employed (total - 000's)	1,215	1,202	1,209	1,221	1,209	1,220

Alberta's unemployment rate declined in February 1991 compared to January 1991.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT (unadjusted)	DEC-89	JAN-90	FEB-90	DEC-90	JAN-91	FEB-91
Alberta						
a) AGRICULTURE	MADY			1 1467		
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	1.6
Employed (000's)	82.7	82.3	83.2	84.5	86.9	86.8
b) LOGGING & FORESTRY	1991	CHANGE	1939	1931	CHARGE	1000
Unemployment Rate	13.3	13.3	4.0	10.7	2.6	0.0
Employed (000's)	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	3.8	3.3
c) MINING	1 200	74.1	55	E 1		110
Unemployment Rate	5.2	6.2	7.2	5.1	4.2	4.8
Employed (000's)	63.0	65.5	67.5	65.6	67.1	69.4
d) MANUFACTURING						
Unemployment Rate	7.2	8.7	7.4	10.2	10.4	9.7
Employed (000's)	93.8	94.8	93.4	93.5	89.9	94.4
e) CONSTRUCTION	LEVEL CO.					
Unemployment Rate	17.6	19.1	19.0	19.6	27.5	25.4
Employed (000's)	77.6	77.0	72.9	75.4	68.9	69.3
1) RETAIL TRADE		LICENSE !			CENT	
Unemployment Rate	6.4	8.3	7.2	7.9	8.3	8.5
Employed (000's)	158.2	156.3	156.4	163.4	158.2	156.4
g) BUSINESS SERVICES	20.555	-7.0	4000	77.55		
Unemployment Rate	6.5	7.3	4.3	6.9	6.3	7.0
Employed (000's)	63.0	63.9	67.3	70.4	71.5	69.4
h) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	199	7.1	211			
Unemployment Rate	3.2	4.6	4.3	3.6	4.4	3.8
Employed (000's)	115.5	115.3	115.2	114.3	117.1	118.3
i) ACCOMODATION FOOD & BEVERAGES	59	-103		17	78.1	
Unemployment Rate	9.8	10.6	13.0	12.2	14.0	11.4
Employed (000's)	83.2	80.8	81.2	79.5	76.7	82.3

Unemployment rates declined in the agriculture, logging & forestry, manufacturing, construction, health & social services, and accomodation food & beverage industries in February 1991 compared to January 1991.

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	JANUA	RY - DEC	EMBER		NOVEMBE	R		DECEMBER	3	
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
			CENT			CENT			CENT	
BUILDING PERMITS (\$millions)	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	
Alberta										
a) Total Value	2,557.9	2,991.1	16.9	216.7	214.9	-0.8	164.6	158.8	-3.5	D
b) Residential	1,336.6	1,657.2	24.0	125.9	81.4	-35.3	101.0	52.3	-48.2	0.
c) Industrial	241.7	363.6	50.4	5.1	38.9	662.7	11.8	25.3	114.4	3.
d) Commercial	658.2	710.3	7.9	57.4	53.7	-6.4	32.8	57.4	75.0	D
e) Institutional/Government	321.3	260.0	-19.1	28.3	40.8	44.2	19.0	23.8	25.3	D

Declines in residential permits offset gains elsewhere leading to a 3.5% decline in total value in December 1990 compared to December 1989.

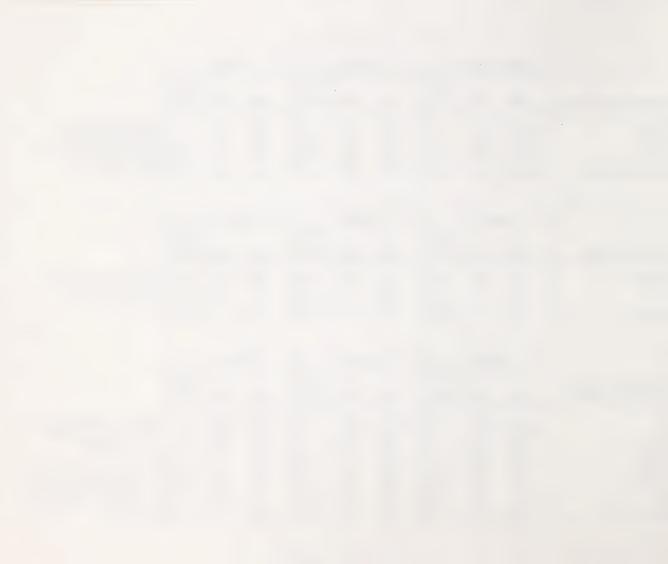
		JANUARY			DECEMBER	i i		JANUARY	
			PER-			PER-			PER-
			CENT			CENT			CENT
DWELLING STARTS (urban)	1990	1991	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
Alberta									
a) Single Detached	979	297	-69.7	832	387	-53.5	979	297	-69.7
b) Two Family	116	30	-74.1	58	12	-79.3	116	30	-74.1
c) Row	100	73	-27.0	88	136	54.5	100	73	-27.0
d) Apartments	3	0	-100.0	8	34	325.0	3	0	-100.0

All categories of housing starts declined in January 1991 compared to January 1990.

		JANUARY		(DECEMBER	1		JANUARY]
			PER-			PER-			PER-	1
A.INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS			CENT			CENT			CENT	
NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING	1990	1991	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	
Alberta									1	1
a)Total	21,144	20,555	-2.8	27,775	27,577	-0.7	21,144	20,555	-2.8	Trave
b)U.S.A	13,623	13,141	-3.5	18,739	18,339	-2.1	13,623	13,141	-3.5	Nethe
c)Germany	389	424	9.0	559	563	0.7	389	424	9.0	increa
d)Netherlands	153	165	7.8	314	380	21.0	153	165	7.8	
e)Switzerland	195	156	-20.0	173	191	10.4	195	156	-20.0	(Note:F
f)United Kingdom	694	878	26.5	1,658	1,891	14.1	694	878	26.5	Alberta
g)Hong Kong	84	59	-29.8	43	77	79.1	84	59	-29.8	be und
h)Japan	395	703	78.0	278	456	64.0	395	703	78.0	enter vi
i)Australia	285	284	-0.4	366	497	35.8	285	284	-0.4	be refle

ravelers entering from Germany, the letherlands and U.K., and Japan nereased in January 1991.

(Note:Figures given are for non-residents entering Alborta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated as significant numbers of travelers enter via other provinces. This movement will not be reflected in this table.)



	JANUA	RY - NOVI	EMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER			
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
B.RESTAURANT CATERERS &			CENT			CENT			CENT	
TAVERN RECEIPTS (\$ Min)	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	
Alberta	1,454.9	1,569.6	7.9	131.2	140.5	7.1	130.8	138.3	5.7	

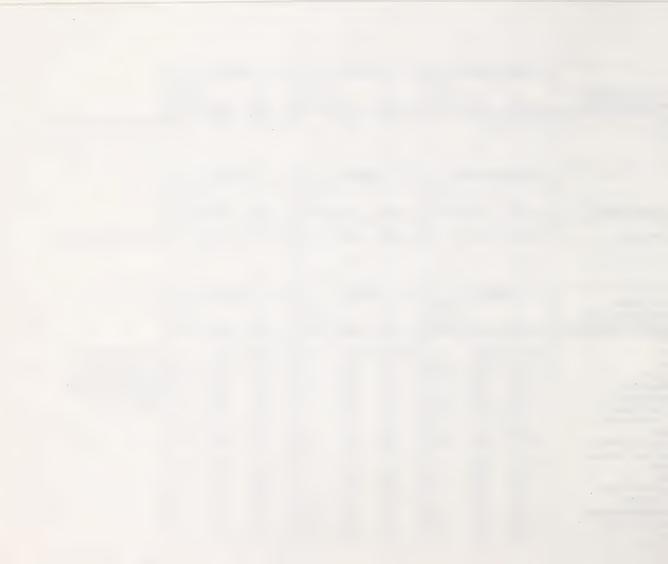
Receipts increased in November.

	JANUA	RY - DECE	MBER	1	NOVEMBER	٦ .	DECEMBER			
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
			CENT			CENT			CENT	
RETAIL TRADE (\$millions)	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	
<u>Alberta</u>										
a) Total All Stores	19,249	19,713	2.4	1,688	1,695	0.4	1,970	2,002	1.6	

Receipts increased in December.

		JANUARY			DECEMBER	R		JANUARY	
MANUFACTURING			PER-			PER-			PER-
(Value of shipments of goods			CENT			CENT			CENT
of own manufacture \$millions)	1990	1991	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Total	1,492.6	1,637.8	9.7	1,456.5	1,634.9	12.2	1,492.6	1,637.8	9.7
b) Food	338.3	375.3	10.9	353.9	371.9	5.1	338.3	375.3	10.9
c) Beverage	21.4	27.5	28.5	26.0	30.4	16.9	21.4	27.5	28.5
d) Primary Metal	81.7	75.0	-8.2	66.9	60.6	-9.4	81.7	75.0	-8.2
e) Metal Fabricating	78.3	69.3	-11.5	76.0	80.2	5.5	78.3	69.3	-11.5
f) Printing Publishing	60.4	56.8	-6.0	60.2	64.5	7.1	60.4	56.8	-6.0
g) Non-Metallic Mineral									
Products	34.7	28.7	-17.3	36.7	31.3	-14.7	34.7	28.7	-17.3
h) Petroleum/Coal Products	257.4	310.9	20.8	232.6	340.8	46.5	257.4	310.9	20.8
i) Chemicals and Chemical									
Products	265.9	298.5	12.3	249.0	289.1	16.1	265.9	298.5	12.3
j) Wood	73.3	60.9	-16.9	66.8	56.6	-15.3	73.3	60.9	-16.9
k) Furniture and Fixtures	23.3	22.2	-4.7	16.5	15.8	-4.2	23.3	22.2	-4.7
I) Paper and Allied	54.0	55.9	3.5	38.6	51.1	32.4	54.0	55.9	3.5
m) Transportation Equipment	39.1	42.3	8.2	51.8	40.5	-21.8	39.1	42.3	8.2
n) Electronic Products	36.2	56.4	55.8	44.4	54.4	22.5	36.2	56.4	55.8
o) Other	19.7	21.1	7.1	19.3	23.3	20.7	19.7	21.1	7.1

With gains posted in eight categories, the total value of manufacturing shipments increased by nearly 10% in January 1991 compared to January 1990.



	JANU	ARY - NOV	EMBER		OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			
			PER-			PER-			PER-		
			CENT			CENT			CENT		
ENERGY	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE		
Alberta a) Natural Gas Production (millions of cubic metres) b) Crude Oil and Equivalents Production (thousands of	104,770.3	103,667.4	-1.1	9,661.4	10,100.9	4.5	9,996.5	9,965.0	-0.3		
cubic metres)	73,752.3	71,894.2	-2.5	6,683.8	7,062.6	5.7	6,809.1	6,765.5	-0.6		

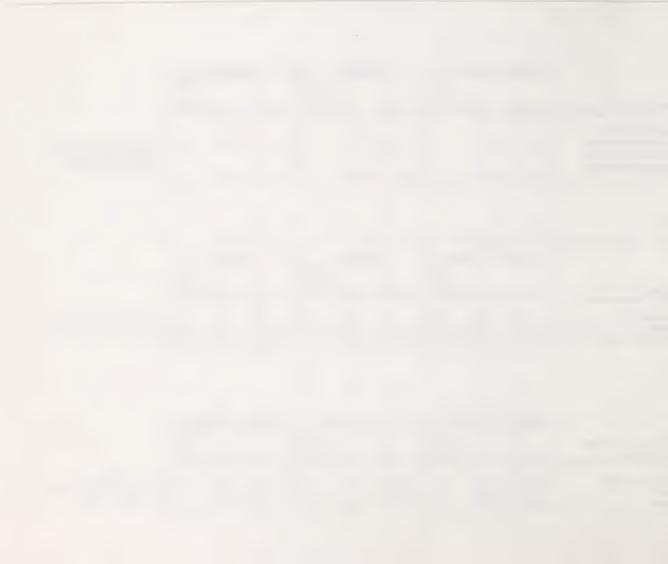
Energy production declined slightly in both categories in November 1990 compared to November 1989.

		AVERAGE								
	JANUA	ARY - FEBI	RUARY		JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
			CENT			CENT			CENT	
RIG ACTIVITY	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	
<u>Alberta</u>										
a) Drilling activity	185	217	17.3	171	216	26.3	199	217	9.0	
b) Available	383	361	-5.7	388	365	-5.9	378	356	-5.8	
OIL PRICE (W.T.I. \$U.S.)	22.38	22.62	1.1	22.64	· 24.70	9.1	22.11	20.54	-7.1	

Drilling activity increased in February 1991 compared to February 1990.

	JANUA	RY - DECE	MBER	JULY	- SEPTEN	MBER	OCTOBER - DECEMBER			
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
AGRICULTURE - Farm Cash			CENT			CENT			CENT	
Receipts (\$millions)	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	
Alberta										
a) Total From Operations	4,532.8	4,201.8	-7.3	1,114.3	1,043.2	-6.4	1,141.8	906.7	-20.6	
b) Crops	1,826.4	1,591.8	-12.8	368.1	331.0	-10.1	408.1	279.3	-31.6	
c) Livestock	2,146.3	2,317.0	8.0	570.0	591.6	3.8	545.5	548.1	0.5	

Farm cash receipts declined in the final quarter of 1990 compared to the same period in 1989.



	JANUA	RY - DEC	EMBER	ı	NOVEMBER DECEMBER					
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
			CENT			CENT			CENT	
EXPORTS (\$millions)	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	
Alberta										
a) Total	13,490.8	15,622.3	15.8	1,151.8	1,474.7	28.0	1,184.3	1,629.3	37.6	With gains posted in all
b) Crude Materials	7,900.6	9,565.0	21.1	689.2	982.8	42.6	729.8	1,059.6	45.2	categories, the total value
c) Fabricated Materials	3,046.8	3,033.9	-0.4	251.3	281.9	12.2	213.2	295.7	38.7	of exports increased by almost
d) End Products	606.9	727.5	19.9	47.4	58.9	24.3	48.9	57.2	17.0	38% in December 1990 over
e) Other	1,936.5	2,296.0	18.6	164.0	151.0	-7.9	192.5	216.8	12.6	December 1989.

Note: Statistics Canada revised its methodology for collecting data for exports to the U.S. in 1990. Consequently, comparability with previous years' data may not be meaningful.

	JANUARY - FEBRUARY				JANUARY		FEBRUARY			
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
			CENT			CENT	ľ.,		CENT	
BANKRUPTCIES	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	
Alberta										
a) Business	181	251	38.7	89	127	42.7	92	123	33.7	
b) Consumer	500	897	79.4	237	464	95.8	263	433	64.6	

Both categories of bankruptcies increased in February 1991.

		JANUARY			DECEMBER	3	JANUARY			
			PER-			PER-			PER-	
NEW BUSINESS			CENT			CENT			CENT	
INCORPORATIONS	1990	1991	CHANGE	1989	1990	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	
Alberta										
a) Alberta Corporations	1,408	1,355	-3.8	1,275	1,391	9.1	1,408	1,355	-3.8	
b) Non-Alberta Corporations	139	127	-8.6	155	112	-27.7	139	127	-8.6	

Both categories of incorporations declined in January 1991.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 1986=100	ANI	NUAL RAT	TES .	1990							
(Canada and Selected Cities)	1988	1989	1990	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	
a) Canada	108.6	114.0	119.5	119.8	119.9	120.2	121.2	121.9	121.8	125.0	
b) Edmonton	107.1	111.8	117.8	118.4	118.7	119.1	120.1	120.9	120.5	123.9	
c) Calgary	106.6	110.7	117.6	118.0	118.4	118.9	119.7	120.4	120.5	123.9	
d) Halifax	107.4	112.5	118.2	118.5	118.6	119.0	119.4	120.7	121.6	124.8	
e) Toronto	110.9	117.9	123.4	124.0	123.9	124.0	125.0	125.6	125.1	127.4	
f) Winnipeg	108.5	113.7	118.9	119.1	119.4	119.7	120.7	121.3	121.7	124.3	
g) Vancouver	106.8	111.5	117.6	117.8	118.1	118.8	119.2	120.1	119.7	123.0	

Prices increased substantially in all regions listed in January 1991 compared to December 1990.

	ANN	JAL AVEF	AGE				1991			
EXCHANGE RATES (in \$CDN)	1988	1989	1990	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
a) United States	1.2307	1.1839	1.1668	1.1444	1.1582	1.1598	1.1631	1.1600	1.1559	1.1546
b) Japan	0.0096	0.0086	0.0081	0.0078	0.0084	0.0090	0.0090	0.0087	0.0087	0.0088
c) Germany	0.7027	0.6308	0.7239	0.7293	0.7378	0.7614	0.7833	0.7755	0.7667	0.7801
d) United Kingdom	2.1926	1.9414	2.0824	2.1778	2.1769	2.2569	2.2853	2.2324	2.2377	2.2680
e) France	0.2072	0.1859	0.2148	0.2173	0.2203	0.2273	0.2326	0.2282	0.2257	0.2292

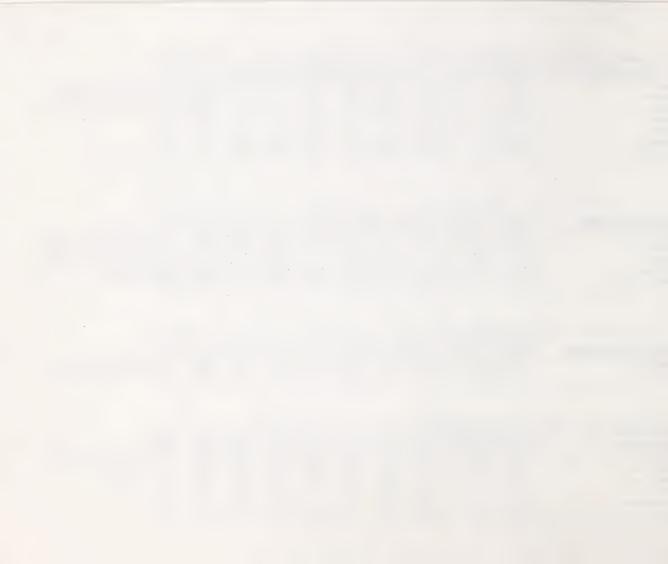
The Canadian dollar increased in value against its U.S. counterpart in February and declined against all other currencies listed compared to January 1991.

	ANN	JAL AVER	AGE			1991				
INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	1988	1989	1990	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
a) Canada	10.80	13.30	14.10	14.25	13.75	13.75	13.25	12.75	12.25	11.25
b) United States	9.40	10.90	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.00

Rates declined in both countries in February over January 1991.

ANNI	JAL AVER	AGE	1990							
1987	1988	1989	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
108.7	113.1	118.7	124.1	124.7	124.8	125.1	126.2	126.9	N/A	
105.7	109.9	115.2	120.7	121.2	122.4	123.3	124.1	124.3	124.3	
100.7	101.4	103.7	106.5	106.4	106.9	107.9	109.3	108.9	N/A	
100.1	101.4	104.2	106.8	106.8	107.1	107.5	108.2	108.0	108.0	
107.7	113.0	121.8	134.0	134.1	135.4	136.7	137.8	N/A	N/A	
105.9	108.0	112.6	116.0	116.3	117.0	117.6	118.2	118.0	N/A	
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Prices have remained more or less stable in all regions over recent months.



INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISON OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	ATLANTIC	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MAN.	SASK.	ALBERTA	B.C.	CANADA	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE									
(unadjusted)									
a) FEBRUARY 1990	15.9	10.9	6.0	7.9	8.1	7.3	8.7	8.4	Alberta posted the lowest rate of
b) FEBRUARY 1991	16.7	13.5	10.4	9.5	8.9	8.2	11.2	11.2	unemployment in Canada in February.
EMPLOYED									
(unadjusted 000's)									
a) FEBRUARY 1990	862	2,956	4,910	494	432	1,209	1,426	12,288	Alberta's rate of growth in employment
b) FEBRUARY 1991	863	2,874	4,647	483	432	1,220	1,437	11,956	was the highest in Canada in February
c) Percent Change	0.1	-2.8	-5.4	-2.2	0.0	0.9	0.8	-2.7	1991 compared to February 1990.
TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES									
(adjusted seasonally \$millions)									
a) DECEMBER 1989	1,680.7	6,322.1	12,118.8	905.2	703.3	2,590.8	3,257.4	27,663.1	Led by Alberta, wages and salaries
b) DECEMBER 1990	1,748.6	6,539.3	12,457.7	943.7	721.1	2,728.3	3,425.0	28,672.3	increased across the country in
c) Percent Change	4.0	3.4	2.8	4.3	2.5	5.3	5.1	3.6	December 1990 over 1989.
RETAIL TRADE									
(unadjusted \$millions)									
a) JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1989	15,412	47,958	73,125	6,821	6,193	19,249	23,438	192,720	With the Atlantic region, Alberta's
b) JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1990	15,775	47,577	72,746	6,986	6,351	19,713	25,046	194,730	rate of growth in retail trade was
c) Percent Change	2.4	-0.8	-0.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	6.9	1.0	third highest in Canada in 1990.
MANUFACTURING (value of shipments									
of goods of own manufacture in									
\$millions)									
a) JANUARY 1990	1,032.6	5,478.2	11,716.0	565.4	269.2	1,492.6	1,987.8	22,546.3	Alberta's rate of growth in manufacturing
b) JANUARY 1991	1,191.0	5,293.0	11,308.8	510.6	316.7	1,637.8	1,743.6	22,006.1	shipments was third highest in the
c) Percent Change	15.3	-3.4	-3.5	-9.7	17.6	9.7	-12.3	-2.4	country in January 1991.
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts									
from farming operations \$millions)									
a) JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1989	898.9	3,681.5	5,669.2	2,102.2	4,467.7	4,532.8	1,168.5	22,520.7	Only Quebec and B.C. registered improved
b) JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1990	899.2	3,725.5	5,615.4	2,014.0	4,045.9	4,201.8	1,185.7	21,687.4	performance in farm cash receipts
c) Percent Change	0.0	1.2	-0.9	-4.2	-9.4	-7.3	1.5	-3.7	in 1990 over 1989.
EXPORTS									
(\$millions)									
a) JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1989	7,216.7	22,910.8	65,689.5	2,929.6	4,490.0	13,490.8	17,802.2	134,843.4	Alberta posted the highest rate of
b) JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1990	7,395.0	22,926.7	70,421.8	2,984.9	4,618.8	15,622.3	16,488.0	140,989.3	growth in value of exports from
c) Percent Change	2.5	0.1	7.2	1.9	2.9	15.8	-7.4	4.6	January to December 1990.



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